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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA) MUR'I MUHAMMAD ABU ZA'KUK INFORMED EMBASSY JANUARY 19 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FINAL PERMISSION FOR TWO WEEK TRIP TO U.S. AND U.K. ABU ZA'KUK IS PLANNING TENTATIVELY TO DEPART TRIPOLI JANUARY 31. HE ALSO PLANNING SEVERAL DAY STOPOVER IN LONDON, PRESUMABLY TO TALK WITH OFFICIALS FROM BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, BUT HE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS WILL COME IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER VISIT TO U.S. ABU ZA'KUK HAS ASKED THAT FAA WORK UP FOR HIS SUGGESTED ITINERARY OF APPOINTMENTS WITH FAA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND OKLAHOMA CITY FOR 5-7 DAY PERIOD, BEGINNING EARLY FEBRUARY 1977. ABU ZA-KUK WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MUSTAFA ZAGHWAN. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT LOCAL LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE OF WORLDWIDE WILCOX, A MR. ZARUQ, WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY ABU ZA-KUK. AFTER HE HAS FINISHED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH FAA, ABU ZA-KUK PLANS
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VISIT TO WILCOX OFFICES IN KANSAS FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

2. ABU ZA'KUK SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF SENDING CIRCA 45 LIBYANS FROM CIVIL

AVAIATION TO TAKE COURSE IN TERMINAL AND APPROACH RADAR, INCLUDING OJT TRAINING AT FAA FACILITIES. (STUDENTS

FOR THIS COURSE CURRENTLY STUDYING RADAR THEORY IN U.K. OPAT CIVIL AVIATION SCHOOL; THUS ALL OF THEM WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH TO BEGIN FAA COURSE IMMEDIATELY). IDEALLY, DGCA WOULD LIKE TO SEND FOUR GROUPS OF 10 OR 11 TRAINEES EACH FOR COURSE IN U.S., STARTING FIRST GROUP IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1977 (SHORTLY AFTER THEY FINISH CURRENT COURSE IN U.K.) HE WOULD PREFER HAVING CIRCA 1 MONTH INTERVAL BETWEEN RETURN OF FIRST GROUP FROM U.S. TRAINING AND DEPARTURE OF SECOND FOR TRAINING, SINCE THESE TRAINEES WILL BE TAKING UP DUTIES IN CIVIL AVIATION UPON RETURN FROM U.K. AND DGCA CANNOT AFFORD LET THEM ALL GO AT ONCE. IN ADDITION, CIVIL AVIATION HEAD OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR LIBYA, MUHAMMAD SADIQ (WHO WILL NOT ACCOMPANY DGCA), REQUIRES COURSE. DGCA WOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM TO TERMINAL AND APPROACH RADAR COURSE WITH LAST GROUP OF TRAINEES. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH TUTORIAL COURSE IN AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, IF THIS POSSIBLE. DGCA REQUESTS INITIAL ESTIMATE OF COURSE(S) DURATION AND TOTAL COST PER TRAINEE.

3. IN ADDITION, DGCA WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RECOMMENDATION/ APPOINTMENTS FAA CAN FACILITATE WITH U.S. CORPORATIONS WHICH MANUFACTURE AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. NEW TRIPOLI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING AND CONTROL TOWER SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR. DGCA NEEDS NEW EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OPERATIONS, FLIGHT INFORMATION SERVICE, AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION SERVICE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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AT TRIPOLI INTERNATIONAL AND BENGHAZI AIRPORTS. DGCA CURRENTLY ACCEPTING BIDS FROM OTHER THIRD COUNTRY CORPORATIONS FOR INITIAL STUDY IN DETERMINING EXACT EQUIPMENT NEEDS. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM OTHER BUSINESSMEN THAT FRENCH FIRM (PARIS AIRPORT CORPORATION) AND GERMAN FIRM (TELEFUNKEN) HAVE OR ARE ABOUT TO MAKE BIDS ON STUDY, HOWEVER, LIBYANS PREFER U.S. TECHNOLOGY IF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE BY DEADLINES AND IF PRICE COMPETITIVE.

4. DGCA ALSO MENTIONED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM PAN AM ARRIVED TRIPOLI JANUARY 18 TO DISCUSS PROJECTED AVIATION MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RELATED TO OPENING OF NEW TRIPOLI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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